

REMARKS

Claims 21 to 24 are new. Claim 16 has been canceled. Claims 11, 14, and 15 were amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 11 to 15 and 17 to 24 are now pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

The Declaration/Oath was objected to for not stating “as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.” Applicant respectfully submits that no amendment was “specifically referred to” in the oath or declaration, and thus, the omission of such phrase does not affect the Declaration as signed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Declaration as filed is proper in all respects and acceptance of the Declaration as filed is requested.

Claims 14 and 16 were objected to for lack of antecedent basis. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying the informalities; and, claim 14 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion. Claim 16 has been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests acceptance of the claim as amended.

Claims 11 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0033522 to Bilgic et al. (“Bilgic reference”). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11 to 20 are allowable over the Bilgic reference.

The Bilgic reference appears to describe a communication system having a wireless trunk for connecting multiple phone lines over wireless communication links to a cellular network. The Bilgic reference refers to having a central telephone switch, such as a private branch exchange or key system, connected through one or more trunk lines to a wireless access communication unit; the wireless access communication unit having a separate subscriber interface for each trunk line from the central telephone switch. The Bilgic reference states that the wireless access communication unit collects data from each of the subscriber interfaces, formats the data into a format compatible with an over-the-air protocol, and transmits the information over one or more wireless channels to a cellular base station. In the Bilgic reference, a controller within the wireless access communication unit interfaces the subscriber interfaces with a radio transceiver, and assists in the conversion of data from a format suitable for wireless transmission. And, authentication is carried out separately for each of the subscriber interfaces, and, upon each initial registration, each subscriber interface derives its own ciphering key from a stored user key and uses it thereafter for encryption and decryption.

In contrast, claim 11 of the present invention is directed to a method for making available security functions for the transmission of data from and to a subscriber terminal unit of a mobile communications network, and requires carrying out a real-time analysis of the data flow from and to the subscriber terminal unit in a device of a network node of the mobile communications network, the data having contents specified previously by one of a

subscriber and a network operator being recognized and processed further; and carrying out first an authentication method by which the subscriber is authenticated via the device of the network node. The Bilgic reference does not appear to identically describe or suggest all of the features of claim 11, including that the subscriber is authenticated via the device of the network node. Further, the Bilgic reference does not appear to identically describe or suggest having at least one of an arising data transfer volume and an arising data transfer cost is limited to a predefined measure. Instead, the Bilgic reference, when mentioning filtering in e.g., paragraphs [0064]-[0065], suggests a different filtering with respect to that necessary for transmission on the system in general, not on a user-specified costs, volume, etc. defined measure. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is allowable over the Bilgic reference.

Claim 18 requires features analogous to those of claim 11 of the present invention, and is believed allowable for essentially the same reasons as claim 11. Claims 12 to 15 and 17 and 19 to 20 depend from one of claims 11 and 18, and are believed allowable for at least the same reasons as those claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) of claims 11 to 15 and 17 to 20 is respectfully requested.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all pending claims should be found allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the objections to and rejections of the claims have been obviated, and that pending claims 11 to 15 and 17 to 24 are allowable.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

Applicant welcomes an interview of this case with the Examiner should the Examiner not agree with Applicant's remarks above. Applicant's representative may be contacted at the Examiner's convenience at 1-212-908-6385.

Respectfully submitted,

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